

Dear Friend,

I was just fifteen years old, still in school, the day my father collapsed coming home from the market. Something was very wrong with him. My older brother was away at school, so it was up to me to help.

I had to act fast. My village in South Sudan was in the middle of a war. If I tried to take my father to the nearby government hospital, I'd have to pass through a checkpoint and answer many questions. Even if I got through, the hospital might not be able to save him.

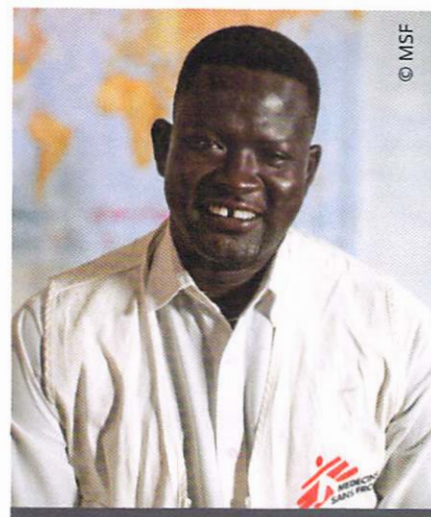
So, with my mother's help, I put my dad in a wooden cart, strapped it to the back of my bicycle, and rushed him to the Doctors Without Borders hospital. I was worried sick as I translated for the doctor what was wrong with my father.

From the moment we arrived, they did everything they could to help him. It took three months, but with excellent care, he finally emerged from a long coma and got well.

Here's what I know in my heart: If Doctors Without Borders was not in my village, my dad would not have survived. So I went back to school and, four days after graduating, I applied to join Doctors Without Borders.

I wanted to help people in need the same way the medical team at that hospital helped my father. I started out as a translator. Just as I had translated for my father that awful day that he fell ill, now I was doing the same for other people who were in medical emergencies.

Not long after I started working with Doctors Without Borders, there was a meningitis outbreak in



**Lazarus Lual Bol Ker**

Doctors Without Borders  
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the western part of South Sudan. I was assigned to go with a small team—just me, a doctor, and two other staff—to quickly assess the emergency.

What we found was shocking. People were suffering, even more than we expected, especially young children, and the disease was spreading. We called headquarters and told them we would need more health workers to mobilize a mass immunization.

Meanwhile, the doctor began treating patients right away. I moved with him from patient to patient, translating their symptoms and their needs.

We all worked day and night. In between translating, I received supplies, did finance and logistics work, and constructed an emergency clinic for our rapidly growing team to work in. It was not easy, but there was no choice.

It is the biggest emergency intervention I have ever seen, and I was there, a part of it, from start to end. We set up a surveillance system to monitor cases, supplied clinics with medicines, treated people, and launched mass immunizations. We vaccinated over 630,000 people.

Meningitis can spread very quickly and can be fatal. It is difficult to imagine what would have happened if Doctors Without Borders wasn't there to bridge the gap.

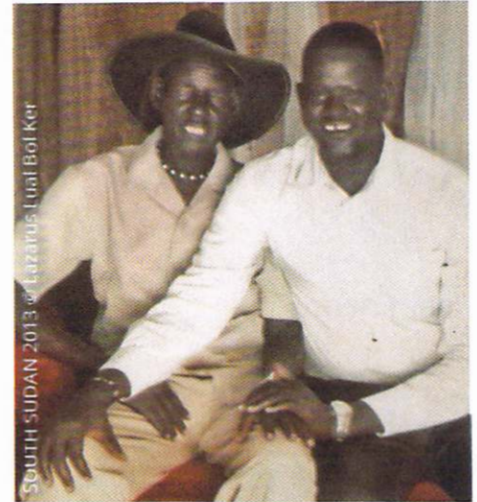
It is also difficult to imagine what we would do without your help. When I hear people say "Doctors Without Borders helped me, saved my life, saved my child's life, my father's life," I always think about supporters who contribute what they can so we can reach people who otherwise would have no access to care.

Thank you so much for all you do.

Sincerely,



Lazarus Lual Bol Ker  
Doctors Without Borders Booking Officer, South Sudan



Lazarus Lual Bol Ker with his father (at left), whose life was saved with treatment at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in South Sudan.



A Doctor Without Borders aid worker vaccinates a child against meningitis in South Sudan.



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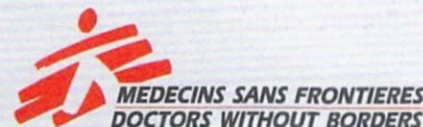
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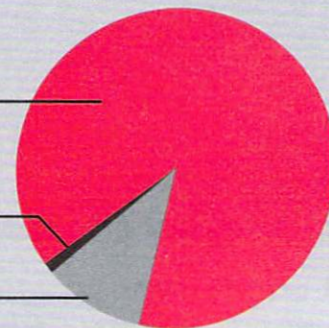
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## DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS: WHY WE DO IT

Far from home, delivering care in high-risk, difficult circumstances, working long hours for a small stipend. What drives Doctors Without Borders staff to sign up for missions again and again?

Read their stories in their own words.

**"I joined Doctors Without Borders after medical school. Doing so allowed me to help my people in Abyei, South Sudan, where I'm from. I knew that I could help my community and that I could save lives."**

**—Dr. Tor Deng,**  
Doctors Without Borders  
Infectious Disease Specialist



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A child receives a checkup from a Doctors Without Borders physician in Central African Republic, part of our efforts to reduce the country's emergency-level child mortality rate.

## Sarah Woznick: "One of the best sights I've ever seen"

"It was my first night on call. I had just arrived at the project in Central African Republic, and a 10-month-old baby boy with severe malaria was limp in his mother's arms.

Our medical team worked through the night, setting up antimalarial drugs, oxygen therapy, and a transfusion for this little baby. We were worried that he was not going to survive the night. I was really frightened for this little one.

A couple of days later, I went back to see how everyone was doing. **The little baby was sitting up in his mother's lap, and he had a piece of bread in his hand, and one little piece in his pocket, just saved for later. That was one of the best sights I've ever seen.**"



**"I knew that if I wanted to go take care of some of the people with the greatest need globally, then Doctors Without Borders was the organization that I needed to be involved with."**

—Sarah Woznick,  
Doctors Without Borders Nurse



## Dr. Tejshri Shah: A heartbreaking moment and a drive for change

"Sleeping sickness is a disease you get when bitten by a tsetse fly. Without treatment, it is fatal.

I was working in South Sudan, caring for a 14-year-old patient. The only drug available for the severe form of the disease he had contained arsenic. The consequence: up to 10 percent of people treated with that drug die. Even though it was his best hope, it was a terrible medication to give to a patient.

When the boy died from a side effect of the drug, I was devastated. **At Doctors Without Borders, there was collective anger at having to give patients medicines that were so toxic. We saw the injustice, collaborated on the research, and helped push the World Health Organization to approve and distribute the new treatment.**

**Although the journey to improve care continues, patients with that form of sleeping sickness have much safer treatment options today.**

Recently, I met a laboratory specialist from the county where I worked in South Sudan. She told me they had screened the population in that county and there was no sleeping sickness detected. What great news."



**"We care for people and communities who are often overlooked. We're independent. We don't settle for the status quo. We are there to challenge, speak out, and catalyze change."**

—Dr. Tejshri Shah,  
MSF International and UK Board  
Member, Operational Center  
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**A Doctors Without Borders mobile sleeping sickness team travels to remote parts of South Sudan to test and treat patients. They are part of an innovative push to wipe out this killer disease.**



## Dr. David Elliott: Saving a child's life

Dr. Elliott and his team performed lifesaving surgery on Adham and Tarek, young Syrian brothers who were severely injured when they picked up a metal can in their backyard, not realizing it was an explosive device.

**"It means so much to be able to work in places knowing that, if we weren't there, people would have no access to medical or surgical care."**

—**Dr. David Elliott, MD,**  
Doctors Without Borders  
Trauma Surgeon



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**"My work with Doctors Without Borders has been the most personally rewarding of my entire career, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I hope to do one more mission before I retire fully."**

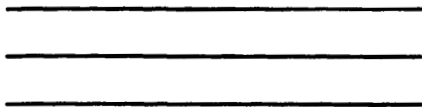
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